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Method for Production Thereof)

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items to be filed with the above-identified application:

1. Notification Concerning Transmittal of Copy of International Preliminary Report on Patentability;
2. The International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and
3. The Translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.

The patents mentioned in the Written Opinion were sent with an earlier IDS filed March 30, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0852. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).

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2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the designated or elected Offices.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/013215	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 10 September 2004 (10.09.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 03 October 2003 (03.10.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant DENKI KAGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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Date of issuance of this report
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b/s(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>																									
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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4. Additional comments:

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>3, 4, 7</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 2, 5, 6</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>3, 4, 7</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 2, 5, 6</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1 and 2

In the description in document 1, paragraph [0055], Table 1, a stabilizer composition containing a hydrotalcite compound at 72.6% as an stabilizer is used, and 3 weight parts of the said stabilizer composition and 1 weight part of an epoxidated soybean oil are added to 100 weight parts of a vinyl chloride resin; and therefore, the result agrees with the composition of (a)-(c) of claim 1.

Claims 5 and 6

In the description of extruding conditions in document 1, paragraph [0058], the nozzle resin temperature is about 190°C. In addition, in document 1, paragraph [0059], extending conditions are 3.5 times at a temperature of 110°C, and slack by 25% at 115°C.

Consequently the subject matters of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 do not appear to be novel.

Claims 3, 4 and 7

None of the documents describe the feature that a polyol containing nitrogen is contained, and therefore, the subject matter of the above claims appear to be novel. The said feature produces an effect of making vinyl chloride fibers much better in controlling the discoloring, and therefore, the said subject matters also appear to involve an inventive step.

Documents

- Document 1: JP, 2001-279523, A
- Document 2: JP, 11-100714, A
- Document 3: JP, 2000-328355, A